

- defining second time units that differ from the first time units and represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;

wherein, in response to said defined first time units and defined second time units, the computer automatically:

- E1
- creates a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
 - monitors as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.
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14. (Amended) A program product for enabling a computer to perform the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising: a computer readable medium, and instructions on said computer readable medium for executing the following steps:

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- defining first time units that represent time periods which a trainee specifies to spend on a training course;
 - defining second time units that differ from the first time units and represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;

wherein, in response to said defined first time units and defined second time units, the computer automatically:

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- creates a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
 - monitors as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.
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